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FOR : REINFORCED FLEXIBLE HOSE AND METHOD FOR  
THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to calculation of the filing fee in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Once Amended) Multiple layer reinforced flexible hose comprising at least one first inner tubular layer made of extruded plastic material, at least one second outer tubular layer made of extruded plastic material, a tubular reinforcement made of a textile material interposed between said first and said second layer, said layers being homogeneously joined in correspondence of their mutual contact surface so as to define a wall having an overall predetermined thickness, an end portion of said wall having an increased thickness along longitudinal